

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HEIMAN et al. )  
Serial No.: TBA )  
21 (MWB) ) Art Unit: TBA  
Filed: July 18, 2000 ) Examiner: TBA  
For: DATA SCANNING DEVICE )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following preliminary  
amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, prior to "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" insert:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Y.D  
This is a division of Serial No. 09/002,882 filed on January 5, 1998, which is now abandoned.

On page 10, first complete paragraph, replace "lannunciation" with --  
"annunication" --.

On page 12, fourth complete paragraph, replace "lenterk" with --"enter"--.